

Executive – 17 November 2015

Public Questions

No.	Questioner	Exec Cllr	Question	Response
1	Mr Graham Trickey	Supporting Places (Martin Candler)	<p>In response to FOI request 41223, I have been told that SMBC no longer holds the Geotechnical Document commissioned from specialists for the Relief Road M60-M56 via Hazel Grove, updated 2005. If this document still existed it would be relevant to the current feasibility study into the relief road extension A6 to M60 which, as previously proposed, would include a tunnel and two deep cuttings. Please could you tell me</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What is SMBC's policy for the destruction of documents commissioned from consultants at council taxpayers' expense?2. What, if any, previously undertaken geotechnical, geological and/or engineering studies of the relief road route are being reviewed for the feasibility study into the relief road extension to M60?	<p>The Council's policy relating to destruction of files was reviewed this year and it provides detailed guidance for individual areas of work. It now states that for traffic schemes, files should be reviewed annually. In any case it is unlikely that any future detailed design work could rely on such an old report and it would be expected that new information would be commissioned as required.</p> <p>The A6 to M60 Study is in the process of being commissioned and is expected to focus on the development of an outline strategic business case for a scheme rather than detailed design.</p>
4	Mr Graham Trickey	Supporting Places (Martin Candler)	<p>I refer to the question I submitted on 12 November. The Geotechnical Document which I alluded to was described in SMBC correspondence of December 2005 as "an updated copy of the Geotechnical document from the specialists in connection with the New Relief road". In the Balfour Beatty Contractor Report (a SEMMMS document of 2011) the document is referenced as "The Faber Maunsell Geo-environmental Interpretative Report, dated October 2005". It would be good to know why this important document is no longer available or has been binned (according to response to FOI 41223)</p>	<p>The important information relating to the previous scheme SEMMMS Relief Road has been retained. The work undertaken at that time was used to inform the submission of an outline business case in 2004. The Government in 2007 responded requesting the scheme be undertaken in phases.</p> <p>If funding is identified to develop the scheme in detail following the submission of the outline strategic business case for the A6 to M60 then appropriate up to date information will be collated to inform the detailed design.</p>

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2	Mrs Sheila Oliver	Supporting Places (Martin Candler)	<p>This was [the Council's] reply to me re the A6 MARR:</p> <p>“Details of the slippage due to OPA diversion delay. SMBC Response: There is no slippage to the overall programme to accommodate the OPA diversion and programmed works are revisited in terms of start dates, which are influenced by other matters including clearance of Great Crested Newts.”</p> <p>Could the Executive please give me an explanation of the difference between delay and “revisited in terms of start dates.”</p>	<p>There is no slippage in the overall programme as was the basis of your original question. The detailed programme will be updated as necessary to reflect the individual elements of work and therefore start dates of individual elements of work may change without affecting the overall programme.</p>
3	Mrs Sheila Oliver	Supporting Places (Martin Candler)	<p>Please see the response below from [the Council].</p> <p>“I can confirm the Council does not have documents regarding the threat to the potential Metrolink Tram route to Marple along the Bredbury Curve from housing development.”</p> <p>Does the Executive feel they have a duty to protect the proposed route of the Metrolink tram in Bredbury from development?</p>	<p>The Council's Core Strategy DPD includes the following statements:-</p> <p>In Core Policy CS10, 'An Effective and Sustainable Transport Network':</p> <p>3.448 “The Council will support proposals and safeguard land (including, where appropriate, disused rail alignments) to deliver the following fixed track infrastructure schemes as identified in the SEMMMS Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Off-road fixed track link between Marple and Stockport Town Centre.” <p>and in Development Management Policy T-4, Protecting Disused Rail Alignments:-</p> <p>3.506 The Council will not permit development which would inhibit future transport use of disused rail alignments unless it can be demonstrated that</p>

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				<p>there is no realistic possibility of such use.”</p> <p>For information, the Council has been working with potential developers of a site in Bredbury to ensure that they protect the corridor required for any future Metrolink scheme whilst allowing housing to be built on the remainder of the site.</p>